STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Non-Tranportation Zones: Review/Additions ITEM NO: 9M

PREPARED BY: Larry Himes, Director of Pupil Transportation

MEETING: June 20, 2006

May 23, 2006

May 23, 2006 April 12, 2006

ACTION DATE: June 20, 2006

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve recommendations of the Non-Transportation Safety Team resulting from the review of existing and newly proposed non-transportation zones at GMS, KWBES, RTMS, PRES and CES.

KEY POINTS:

♦ Stafford County School Board Regulation 4-64 makes provision for the review of potentially new and existing non-transportation zones by a Non-Transportation Safety Team comprised of one member from:

- 1. The Department of Pupil Transportation
- 2. The Office of Safety and Security
- 3. The Sheriff's Department
- 4. The Virginia Department of Transportation
- ◆ The composition of the Non-Transportation Safety Team was expanded to include the school principal and a parent resident from each affected school community.
- ◆ A specifically designed rubric was developed to be utilized by the Non-Transportation Safety Team for assessment of each non-transportation zone (Attachment #1.)
- ◆ Public hearings were held at PRES, GMS, RTMS and CES to solicit feedback from each school community. Notification of each public hearing was provided by way of newspaper and flyer sent home with students (Attachment #2).
- ◆ The Non-Transportation Safety Team compiled a summary of assessment data and initial recommendations for each non-transportation zone studied (new and existing). Following the series of public hearings, where community input was received, each recommendation was scrutinized again and a final recommendation made (Attachment #3).
- ◆ Due to on-going home construction within the Austin Ridge community near the school and the uncertainty of completion dates, the Non-Transportation Safety Team recommends that approval of a non-transportation zone for ES2006 be postponed until spring of 2007.
- ♦ A non-transportation zone for select students attending HHPMS has not been

established to date. The Sidewalk Construction Project does include improvements impacting HHPMS. Upon completion of new sidewalks, a study of a potential non-transportation zone will be initiated in spring of 2007.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal #5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

FUNDING SOURCE: County Transportation Fund (Sidewalk Construction Project)

FY07 School Operating Fund (Crossing Guards)

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: School Board Policy 4-64

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